

# NPL Site Narrative for Hudson River PCBs

## HUDSON RIVER PCBS

### Hudson River, New York

**Conditions at listing (September 1983):** The Hudson River PCBs Site is a 40-mile stretch of the Hudson River between Mechanicville and Fort Edward, New York. General Electric Co. discharged an estimated 1.1 million pounds of PCBs into this stretch of river. The State has identified 40 "hot spots," defined as sediments contaminated with greater than 50 parts per million (ppm) of PCBs. Also included in the site are five "remnant" areas, which are river sediments exposed when the level of the river was lowered due to removal of the Fort Edward Dam. The State has taken initial measures to stabilize the remnant areas from erosion.

In September 1980, Congress passed an amendment to the Clean Water Act (CWA) that included the Hudson River PCB Reclamation Demonstration Project. Under this legislation, the EPA Administrator could authorize a 75 percent grant, not to exceed \$20 million. EPA issued a final Environmental Impact Statement in October 1982 evaluating various dredging alternatives for a demonstration project. EPA has prepared a feasibility study to evaluate alternative remedial actions under CERCLA. The Administrator has determined that CERCLA funds may be used for remedial action at the remnant areas and for evaluating the effectiveness of the water supply system at Waterford, New York.

**Status (June 1984):** EPA has completed a draft feasibility study identifying alternatives for remedial action. A search for parties potentially responsible for wastes associated with the site has been completed, and EPA has sent letters to two potentially responsible parties notifying them of possible legal action under CERCLA.

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